Book of Revelation – The Great Controversy Chapter -Revelation 12:1-6 (Part 2)

Series REV-25

Revelation 12:1-6

As we continue on through this great controversy chapter of the book, we will see many symbols which we will need to decode. This will be necessary to rightly divide the word of truth. The Holy Spirit will guide us as we seek Him for understanding.

In verse 1 and 3 we will note wonders in heaven:

- First is "a great wonder in heaven"
- Second is "another wonder

Last week we explored verse one, but didn't really spend much time viewing it from this angel.

Why is this woman such "a great wonder" for us to consider? ______

We then notice this woman (vs.1)

- Clothed with the sun _____
- Moon under her feet______ Moon symbol of ______

Crown of 12 stars upon her head

Crown symbolizing _____

The woman is with child, travailing in birth (vs.2)

Pained to be delivered _____

(This is a unique verse in that it is both literal and spiritual)

Another wonder in heaven (vs.3,4)

- Great Red Dragon
 - Seven heads_____ Ten horns

Seven crowns

> His Tail drew _____ Third part of Stars of Heaven _____ Dragon stood to devour woman's child_____

And the		nan brought forth the Man child (vs.5)
		Who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron
	≻	Her child
	>	was caught up to God, and to His throne
And the woman fled into the wilderness (vs.6) a) meaning:		
		b) time frame:
	>	Where she hath a place prepared of God
		They should feed her there (who is the 'they'?)
		1260 Days

Regarding the Woman who was "clothed with the sun," that "fled into the wilderness" we have this inspired commentary:

This prophecy is to reach is complete fulfillment in the gathering out from all nations of a people prepared for the second coming of Christ. The remnant of Israel is symbolized by a woman, representing the Lord's chosen church on the earth. {RH Feb. 26, 1914, par 7}

The "church in the wilderness," and not the proud hierarchy enthroned in the world's great capital, was the true church of Christ, the guardian of the treasures of truth which God has committed to His people to be given to the world. $\{GC 64\}$

Regarding the Great Red Dragon

Under the symbols of a great red dragon, a leopard-like beast, and a beast with lamb-like horns, the earthly governments which would especially engage <u>in trampling</u> upon God's law and <u>persecuting</u> His people, were presented to John. The war is caried on till the close of time. The people of God, symbolized by a holy woman and her children, were represented as greatly in the minority. In the last days only a remnant still existed. Of these John speaks as they "which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. {ST Nov. 1, 1899, par 3} In closing, the Lord would have us thoroughly understand this chapter and prayerfully consider what has fallen upon the remnant in this last days. We need to be of good courage, for as we will focus next week on this war which has been waging for 6,000 years and the victory of the **Cross**, we will see that it behooves us to be on the winning side.

I'm providing a link of a Review and Herald article Mary and I read on this theme of the Great Controversy. It is well worth reading and Holy Spirit gave me a couple new thoughts on it. The reference is RH Sept. 7, 1897:

{Just click on the Great Controversy EGW Article at the website.}

https://www.themindofchrist.net/revelation-12

A good prayer to conclude with:

Eternal Father, again we thank Thee for Thy matchless Word. We thank Thee for this challenging invitation to study. We thank thee for the trust Thou hast placed in us to proclaim this topic. Day by day, first may we live the reality of Calvary, the reality of the ministry of Christ in the heavens above, and the reality of the standard set for us. May we live them according to those standards and may the unconscious witness of our lives attract others to Thee, to Thy glory and Thy soon coming. We pray it through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

End Part 2